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For : FIBER MATS FOR MATERIALS OF CONSTRUCTION HAVING
IMPROVED TEAR STRENGTH AND PROCESS FOR MAKING SAME

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Sir:

SIMULTANEOUS AMENDMENT

Please amend this divisional application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 3, second paragraph from the bottom of the page, please correct

BASF's April 1998 advertising brochure entitled NONWOVENS AND COATINGS
DISPERSIONS discloses a crosslinked styrene/acrylic polymer (ACRONAL® S 886S)
useful as a binder for glass substrates.

On page 6, second paragraph from the top, please correct.

The fibers of the present mat can be fibers of glass, wood pulp or particles, polyethylene, polypropylene, polyester, ~~Nylon®, Orlon®~~ **nylon, ORLON®** or mixtures of these fibers depending on the end use of the product. More specifically, for roofing shingles, acoustical boards, BUR and other asphaltic composites at least a major portion of glass fibers are employed and unmixed glass fibers are most desired. For facers or underlayment used in different articles of building construction, eg. divider panels, other synthetic fibers or wood chips fixed in a mat can be utilized.

At the bottom of page 6, insert the following explanation for the asterisk.

*** a polyacrylonitrile (polyvinyl cyanide) continuous synthetic filament**

The above definition is supported on page 477 of HACKH'S CHEMICAL DICTIONARY, 4th Ed., published by McGraw-Hill Book Company (see attached).